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(See more picnic photos on Page 5)

### President's Corner

While looking through some very old files, I found photos of an IBSSA holiday decoration contest. The categories were front door, street, overall. No, I do not suggest doing that again, but it showed how strong our "neighborhood feeling" was then and still continues to be.

The Annual Picnic on November 11th had perfect weather, delicious food, and entertainment. The auction raised around \$2,600, which almost paid for the picnic. Jessica Masterson was an awesome chair. Thumbs up!!! (See more pictures from the picnic on Page 5.)

Good News: Lauren Weems, a new neighborhood resident, has agreed to chair the Sun Circle Art Festival. She is eager to find helpers, artists, musicians, etc. The next Festival will be held on March 7, 2020 (only 15 months away). Our dedicated crew over the past six years took it to a fun event with over 60 artists. I expect it will have a few new twists with Lauren and her crew in charge. Embrace the change and get on board to help. More information on Page 3; Sun Circle Art Festival.

The dolphins are jumping in the Bay as I compose this column. This is a special place to call home. Jane Nutter Johnson, President IBSSA / janenutterj@gmail.com

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### JAN 28, 2019: SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR FEB. ISSUE

This Newsletter is supported, in part, by grant funds from the City of Sarasota's Neighborhood Community Building Grant Program.

IBSSA Board meetings are open to all IBSSA members. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00pm at Light of the World Church (Bay Shore Road & Chapel Drive).

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### **IBSSA Annual Yard Sale**

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 26-27, 2019; 9am-3pm

The Indian Beach–Sapphire Shores Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th and Sunday, January 27th, 2019 from 9am to 3pm on both days.

Joining together as a neighborhood brings more customers, better advertising, and limits excess traffic to one weekend. Advertising starts right after the holidays and customers are waiting. This is a perfect time to clean out items you no longer need or to shop for treasurers. The items sold represent and/or mimic the style of our eclectic museum area. Buyers love this event and come every year.

To cover advertising costs, each house participating is asked to submit payment:

- \$5 if you are an IBSSA member. (Annual IBSSA membership dues are only \$20)
- \$15 if you are a non-IBSSA member.

Maps listing all participants will be provided.

<u>For questions or to sign up</u>: Monica Neligon, IBSSA Yard Sale
Chair at 941.355.5918 or sylivinggrace@hotmail.com

### Sun Circle Art Festival 2020

Hi! My name is Lauren Weems, the new Chair of the Sun Circle Art Festival. I met my husband at Ringling College, married him on the terrace of the Ca d'Zan, and relocated to Silicon Valley. Then we had this crazy idea that we wanted to move back to Sarasota to raise our two little boys. The warm welcome we received from this neighborhood and its appreciation of the arts has brought us to tears. Surely we were always meant to be right here in this eclectic neighborhood nestled along the bay, full of both artists and patrons of the arts. When we heard it was possible the festival was retiring, we jumped at the chance to Chair it and give it a second life. Will you join us?

The next Sun Circle Art Festival will be held at Sapphire Shores Park on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 7, 2020</u>. This will be the seventh neighborhood art festival created by neighbors for neighbors and the wider community. We are open to giving it a makeover. How can we make it an event that incorporates all of our residents and helps our local artists prosper?

During the next year, additional information and updates will be in this Newsletter, on the Association's Facebook page, and on the IBSSA Newsgroup. I would love to hear from you about

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ART FESTIVAL continued from previous column

your thoughts on how we should plan the next Festival's food, live music, family friendly activities, and of course – amazing art and handcrafted goods! Please contact me at ArtsChairIBSSA@gmail.com.

Lauren Weems, Chair; Sun Circle Art Festival

# Alan and Isabel Lillie Dedication



The dedication was held on Saturday, November 17th at the greenspace at Bay Shore Road and Mecca Drive.
From left: Frank Zimmerman, Ceci Wooster, Anita Zimmerman, Jack Wooster, RC Johnson, Don Farr, Kafi Benz, and Jane Nutter Johnson

### Halloween Dog Parade

The parade was organized by Claudia Barnett and held on October

31st at Sun Circle Park. First-place costume went to Princess Dog and Second-place to UPS Dog.













### Jungle Gardens

A nephew recently visited with his



young family. Almost immediately after arriving they got back in the car and headed to Busch Gardens. "Why are you going to spend the day on the highway after just getting here?", I asked. "The kids want to go to Busch Gardens!" he replied. The kids were both under five years old so I doubted they knew better. "Why not Jungle Gardens?" The place certainly

captivated my children until they were teenagers. Who doesn't love feeding flamingos? And it's in our own back yard! But off they went on a 12-hour excursion which included limitless pavement, automobiles, and crowds.

That's the way it is with things in your own back yard. They get overlooked or taken for granted. But Jungle Gardens is an amazing,

historical jewel. Sort of a kitschy, north-side cousin to Selby Botanical Gardens.

It's about 10 acres which was originally considered an impenetrable swamp. Local history says it's also the last place a black bear was shot within what is now City limits.

David B. Lindsay, owner of the Sarasota Herald bought the land and first considered a botanical garden in the mid-1930s. He and adjacent landowner, Pearson Conrad, got busy carving out streams and bringing in exotic vegetation.

Jungle Gardens officially opened on New Year's Eve in 1939 making it one of the oldest, continuously running attractions in Florida. The Allyn family bought it in 1971 and have been managing it ever since, keeping the Old Florida feel.

Vintage images show the original entrance on the north side into a ranch house. But today the most recognizable building is at the newer, east entrance.



The Allyn family built this structure in 1973 and I might call it Roadside Architecture with Polynesian influences. Tracking down this kind of mid-century building designed to attract tourists has plenty of fans across the country. Just check out The Society for Commercial Archeology.

If you've not been there, make a point of visiting. And when you do, check the difference between a day pass and an annual pass. I recommend the annual pass so when your nephew visits from 2,000 miles away you'll have a better chance of keeping him out of a car. "It's on me!", you can say. **David Jennings, Sapphire Drive** 

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### Real Estate Column

The Real Estate Update allows for the opportunity of different Realtors to write the column for each issue. Every September, a Realtor drawing will be held for the next four issues. To qualify, a realtor must be active in real estate, live in IBSS neighborhood, be an IBSSA member, and have advertised in this Newsletter at least once in the previous Season (Oct, Dec, Feb, or June). If you are a Realtor and interested in being included in next September's drawing, please email me to receive a copy of the new policy.

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# Real Estate Update From David Jennings November 28, 2018

My sister lives in Minnesota. People from Minnesota are very resilient. If they ever come to Florida they're the ones in bathing suits on Lido when it's in the high 40s. Or, when you are at O'Leary's in a parka they may be sitting next to you in a tank top with a slight sunburn.

But I remember my resilient sister struggling one winter in Minnesota. It was during a long stretch of weather below 40 degrees. She couldn't go anywhere, and it was hopeless to think your car would start. And if you could get to work, no one else would be there. Roads were ice. Pipes were freezing and cracking everywhere. My sister was shut in and getting a little nutty.

She was full of ideas and none of them good: quit the job; sell the farm; no, burn the farm; run off the kids; lock out the spouse. This is called Cabin Fever. The conclusion I came to was that she should not make any big decisions under duress and Cabin Fever is a form of duress.

I was thinking about this while reviewing our Real Estate activity over the last couple of months. Only four properties were sold between September 30th and November 28th. This seemed low but when I compared it to the same time period last year it was almost identical.

If you follow Real Estate you know a Sold Property is an indication of someone making a decision to buy 30 to 60 days prior to the Sale. As such, Sold Activity in the last 30-60 days is an indicator of someone's behavior 60-90 days ago.

Is this when we have Cabin Fever? August, September, and most of October can be challenging months for Floridians. The humidity is unabated, we are surrounded by named weather events, and we (I) shout at TV meteorologists if cold fronts stall out in Tallahassee. Not a good time to make life changing decisions, right?

But the cold fronts are now making it all the way to Sarasota and sales activity is picking up appreciably. Even with interest rates climbing weekly, properties are going under contract at a quickening pace. There are ten Pended properties as I write this is and some only lasted days on the market.

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All indicators suggest another strong market this season but in any event, we made it through another bout of Cabin Fever.

The remarkable red tide we experienced this year may be the result of a "Perfect Storm". I believe all possible contributors are maximally responsible in their own unique way. Big agriculture, mining, commercial development, single family development, rainwater runoff, heat & water temperature...you name it. We all have our favorite whipping post but what are we doing at home? Is your yard being sprayed or fertilized? Are you or a lawn company using weed killer instead of edging and pulling? Is your property landscaped to retain or slow runoff? Are pet feces a concern? Blowing or sweeping? We have a great responsibility to realize everything we do has an immediate impact on the western perimeter of our neighborhood which is Sarasota Bay. Let's slay the dragons but clean up at home, too. It all matters.

David Jennings, Broker Associate, Coldwell Banker Real Estate

### PROPERTIES: Active, Pending, and Sold (September 30, 2018 - November 28, 2018

STATU	JS ADDRESS	SQFT	PRICE	BED	BATH
ACT	839 42ND ST	868	\$239,750	3	1
ACT	850 WINDSOR DR	802	\$244,000	3	2
ACT	3440 CHAPEL DR	1080	\$249,000	3	2
ACT	3939 IROQUOIS AVE	1800	\$249,900	3	2
ACT	3510 IROQUOIS AVE	1905	\$269,900	3	2
ACT	744 CORWOOD DR	1496	\$299,000	2	2
ACT	3605 IROQUOIS AVE	1644	\$325,000	3	3
ACT	4722 REMINGTON DR	1340	\$335,000	2	2
ACT	630 47TH ST	1400	\$335,000	3	2
ACT	1023 INDIAN BEACH DR	1924	\$349,000	3	2
ACT	868 PATTERSON DR	1424	\$398,500	2	2
ACT	825 TENNESSEE LN	1526	\$399,000	3	2
ACT	794 40TH ST	2196	\$423,000	3	2/1
ACT	1039 23RD ST	1536	\$425,000	3	2
ACT	4925 REMINGTON DR	1605	\$439,900	3	3/1
ACT	5021 WINCHESTER DR	1176	\$449,000	3	2
ACT	511 45TH ST	1796	\$450,000	3	2
ACT	844 PATTERSON DR	1348	\$468,500	3	2
ACT	653 40TH ST	1560	\$499,000	4	2
ACT	3001 BAY SHORE CIR	2067	\$499,000	2	2
ACT	811 42ND ST	2358	\$525,000	4	3
ACT	981 CALOOSA DR	1838	\$539,000	3	3
ACT	575 N SHORE DR	1488	\$699,000	2	2
ACT	418 SAPPHIRE DR	1724	\$699,000	3	2
ACT	3814 IROQUOIS AVE	2070	\$699,000	4	3
ACT	412 S SHORE DR	2760	\$759,000	4	4
ACT	904 VIRGINIA DR	2007	\$769,000	3	2
ACT	1062 CALOOSA DR	1898	\$775,000	3	2
ACT	722 BELLORA WAY	2607	\$829,900	4	2
ACT	587 BELLORA WAY	2716	\$840,900	4	2/1
ACT	602 BELLORA WAY	2344	\$895,000	3	2/1

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PROPERTIES continued from previous column

STAT	US ADDRESS	SQFT PRICE	BED	BATH
ACT	597 BELLORA WAY	3052 \$990,900	4	3/1
ACT	612 BELLORA WAY	2696 \$1,150,000	3	2/1
ACT	978 VIRGINIA DR	4364 \$1,150,000	6	5/2
ACT	3008 BAY SHORE RD	3545 \$1,200,000	4	4/1
ACT	335 S SHORE DR	2791 \$1,290,000	3	2/1
ACT	3500 BAY SHORE RD	3047 \$1,350,000	4	4/1
ACT	3127 BAY SHORE RD	3454 \$1,990,000	3	3/1
ACT	5021 BRYWILL CIR	5054 \$2,350,000	5	5/1
ACT	300 RINGLING POINT DR	2920 \$2,700,000	3	4/1
ACT	2145 ALAMEDA AVE	6439 \$4,280,000	5	4/2
ACT	2211 ALAMEDA AVE	6822 \$6,250,000	5	5/1
ACT	929 ALAMEDA WAY	9067 \$6,950,000	5	6/1
PND	618 MARLIN DR	1010 \$259,900	2	2
PND	847 41ST ST	1248 \$265,000	2	2
PND	2825 W TAMIAMI CIR	900 \$278,000	2	1
PND	637 CORWOOD DR	1268 \$299,900	2	2
PND	337 N SHORE DR	4839 \$800,000	6	3
PND	411 S SHORE DR	2414 \$849,000	4	3
PND	941 VIRGINIA DR	2773 \$850,000	4	3/1
PND	3970 BAY SHORE RD	2418 \$984,000	3	3
PND	2833 BAY SHORE CIR	2974 \$1,050,000	3	2/1
PND	587 47TH ST	3044 \$1,195,000	3	3/1
SLD	955 PATTERSON DR	1568 \$249,500	3	2
SLD	780 41ST ST	2080 \$475,000	3	3
SLD	2238 ALAMEDA AVE	1811 \$480,000	2	2
SLD	3800 BAY SHORE RD	1980 \$562,600	3	2

Information from Multiple Listing Data Base. Submitted by David Jennings, Broker Associate, Coldwell Banker Real Estate

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## Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Park Awarded the 2018 Community Cleanups/Neighborhood Improvements Sarasota County





The Indian Beach Nature Park & Living Shoreline Project has been awarded the "Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Award" for **2018 Community Cleanups/Neighborhood Improvements, Sarasota County** for IBSSA work done to date and future plans.





The Greenway Butterfly Garden is slowly growing. Sarasota Avenue and 45th Street. A 2019 memorial dedication is planned to honor Abby Smith who originally helped create and care for the project.





Walk on the wild side. Charles Hegener Nature Walk to the water, Bay Shore Road and 40th Street. It's different every day.



One of five Indian Beach Sapphire Shores entry signs currently being refurbished and repainted.





Alan and Isabel Lillie memorial surrounded by apricot Drift Roses. Bay Shore Road and Mecca Drive



# Widening the Whimsy Museum "Zone"

Ten years ago Marietta (Mary) Lee bought the property that she would transform into the Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy. Neighbors knew the property had previously been The Paradise Motel, and they were concerned that this imposing facility might become another convenience store.

They were happy to hear that Mary Lee intended to enlarge what was the Serendipity Gallery into lighter, brighter display spaces. These neighbors still see "the museum as a community attraction and anchor".

When her museum opened, Mary sponsored receptions for hundreds. Each year she hosts a christmas party and sponsors musical performances.

Mary Lee moved here nearly 40

years ago for more
sun. She viewed the
museums and
colleges that
accentuate the North
Trail as one of
Sarasota's major
attractions. Trained
as a nurse/
paramedic, Mary saw
employment probabilities in our

city's mushrooming health care industry.

Her creative aptitudes evolved from taking painting and sculpture courses at a Kentucky university. "To be taken seriously as an artist, I needed to go to a college like Ringling. I expanded my abilities there and became a practicing artist."

Almost twenty years ago, she envisioned "a museum that would widen the zone of whimsy." Supplementing her galleries, she created the sea horse-gated sculpture garden highlighting giraffes and land horses. Animal crackers (ho ho ho) are on the house and benches say, "we



Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy 2121 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 941.364.3399 (Open Thursday, Friday, & Saturday from 1-4pm through last Saturday in May)

www.whimsymuseum.org

got your backs." Giant rocking chairs typify the ample seating areas. Admission remains free

although voluntary donations are appreciated.

Mary iterated "One goal is to show 50% women and 50% men. I emphasize outdoor art and sculpture because these artists often don't

get to show in traditional museums."



New this year are butterfly exhibits indoors. Another addition is an invasion of live orchids on the gazebo roofs outdoors.

While she would enjoy "going vertical" (adding a second story), she crams even more artwork into the restrooms. And the "octagonal" gallery - where hand clapping activates disco globes - widens our whimsy. Mack Goode, Chippawa Place

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### Neighborhood Watch News

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Law enforcement or security personnel should always be alerted immediately, as well as taking steps to protect ourselves and others, whenever suspicious behavior or unusual activity is observed. Disturbing actions of individuals, or something that just doesn't seem right and causes concern, are critical times and examples of when to "See Something, Say Something!"

Our Neighborhood Watch was organized to promote a partnership between IBSS residents and the police. The main goal was, and continues to be, to make our wonderful neighborhood even more secure and ensure the safety of our families. We realize the importance of reporting all crime and suspicious activity and informing residents about such incidents. Remember to See It, Hear It, Report It when at home or away.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a peaceful, joyful, safe New Year.

Debbie Muller, 941.355.5743

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- \* If shopping after dark, park in well lighted area and have key in hand when returning to vehicle.

IBSS CRIME REPORT:	JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 27	
(Approximate totals)	2018	2017
Burglary / Structure	12	13
Burglary / Vehicle	17	16
Motor Vehicle Theft	04	02
Robbery	03	01

<u>CITYWIDE STATISTICS</u> :	JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 27	
(Approximate totals)	2018	2017
Burglary / Structure	271	254
Burglary / Vehicle	293	346
Motor Vehicle Theft	122	93
Robbery	74	74

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### Silk Floss Tree

Hello Neighbors,

Don't you love our neighborhood? Amanda and I have lived on Sapphire Drive for 25 years. We just love it.

I work out of my home office, when I'm not on the road carving, and my office windows face the street. Countless folks walking by stop and marvel at the odd, mean tree we have in the front yard. It has viscous looking spikes on it...some



of which measure more than two inches. Some call it a Silk Floss Tree, others a Kapok Tree. I've heard it referred to as a "Monkey No Climb" obviously due to the spikes.

Our previous next door neighbors planted something similar in their front yard. It's grown like the dickens and in the last





two years has matured and started doing it's "seed thing."

Our Silk Floss now produces a few pods a season, the one next door produces hundreds that eventually open and blow hither and yon. Some days it looked like it was snowing.

Dollars to doughnuts, if you live within two blocks of that tree you've got some starter trees in your yard. I've pulled dozens, no hundreds from my front yard alone.

Here's what they look like in their early stages:









If you want a gigantic tree[s] with spikes as part of your landscape, do nothing as these grow quickly. If not, give a pull. Mark Mason, Sapphire Drive (Professional Sand Sculptor)

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### Coexisting with Coyotes

There have been recent concerns and reports about coyote presence in IBSS and other neighborhoods. Although residents expressed concern, officials at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) say coyotes are typically shy and elusive, but encounters between people and coyotes in Florida are occurring more often. Covotes are found throughout Florida and have been documented in all 67 counties. This medium-sized canid is extremely adaptable and can be found in rural, suburban, and even urban landscapes. They help maintain balanced ecosystems by controlling the populations of rodents and small



predators, such as foxes, opossums, and raccoons.

Coyotes are native to North America, have been in Florida for many years, and will continue to make their homes around the state. They can and do prey on domestic cats and small dogs. Most coyote attack on pets occur either at night or in the early evening or morning hours (dusk to dawn). To protect your pets, do now allow them to roam freely, walk small dogs on a short leash, do not place food outside which will attract wild animals. If a coyote approaches too closely, make loud noises, wave your arms in the air, use noisemakers, or other methods to scare the coyote away.

Removing coyotes is an inefficient and ineffective method to control populations. New coyotes move into areas where others have been removed. When there is pressure (such as trapping) placed on coyote populations, the species can actually produce more pups per litter in response and populations can quickly return to original size.

More information on "Living with Coyotes" (and other wildlife) can be found online at *myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/wildlife/coyotes*.

If you are experiencing coyote problems, contact the FWC Wildlife Alert at 888/404-3922.

Excerpt from Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturdays: Yoga in Sapphire Shores Park; 10-11:30am January 3 & February 7, 2019; 7pm IBSSA Board Meetings; Light of the World Church Saturday-Sunday, January 26-27, 2019; 9am-3pm Annual IBSSA Yard Sale (Page 3)

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